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SENATE FISH AND GAME

EXHIBIT NO. 3

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BILL NO. HB 27

February 28, 2013

The Honorable John Brenden
Chairman, Senate Fish and Game Committee
Montana Senate
PO Box 200500
Helena, MT 59620-0500

Dear Chairman Brenden:

I understand that HB 27 is scheduled for hearing before the Senate Fish and Game Committee on March 5, 2013. I will be out of town on that date and accordingly, I am submitting my written testimony in support of this bill for inclusion in the record.

Thank you and have a great day!

Very truly yours,



DOUGLAS E. NULLE

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 27

Good Afternoon, Mr. Chairman and Members of this Committee. For the record, my name is Doug. Nulle. I am a retired attorney and a resident of Clancy.

I rise in support of HB 27 for the reasons given by the sponsor and the proponents and I would like to emphasize here that this bill provides protection for those hunters who are hearing-impaired. Contrary to popular belief, a suppressor does not suppress the sonic boom from a firearm discharge, but it does suppress the muzzle blast, which occurs much closer to the hunter.

It makes no more sense to prohibit the use of a suppressor in the field any more than it does to prohibit the use of archery equipment in the field. Accordingly, there is simply no rational basis for this prohibition.

I commend Representative Washburn for sponsoring this bill and I would respectfully request a "do-concur" vote on it. Thank you for your time and consideration.